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Our Voices Deepen.
The primitive inhabitants of Europe were all tenors; their descendants of the present time are baritones, and future generations will have semibass voices. The voice has a tendency to deepen with age. The tenor of twenty becomes the baritone of twenty-eight and the bass of thirty-six. The inferior races have higher pitched voices than the more cultured. The negro has a higher voice than the white man. Among white races, the fair complexioned man has a higher voice than his darker skinned brother. The former is usually a baritone or a tenor, the latter a contralto or bass. It is asserted that tenors are usually of slender build, whereas basses are stout, but there are too many exceptions to such a rule for it to be reliable. The same remark applies to the statement that thoughtful men have deep toned voices and vice versa. The tones of a voice are perceptibly higher before than after a meal, for which reason tenors are generally careful not to sing too soon after dinner.—Pearson's Weekly.

Henry Clay's Popularity.
The greatest popular idol in a political sense the country has ever known was Henry Clay. Only one other American statesman ever possessed the quality called personal magnetism to the same extent that he did, and no other ever had a more enthusiastic personal following. He was an aspirant for president from 1824 to 1848, but never reached the goal. He received 37 electoral votes in 1824, 49 in 1832 and 105 in 1844, but never enough to elect him. Clay was elected speaker of the house of representatives on the first day of his term in that body and was five times re-elected. He was twice elected United States senator, once unanimously by the Kentucky legislature, and held several other high offices. If there was ever a popular idol in the politics of this country, it was Henry Clay, but he could not be elected president.—Indianapolis Journal.

The Old Plane Tree of Cos.
In the island of Cos, in the Egean sea, there stands, jealously guarded, a huge plane tree measuring nearly eighteen yards in circumference. It is surrounded by a podium, or raised platform breast high, doubtless built to support the trunk of the tree after it had become hollow and weak from age. The lower branches are still well preserved and have been shored up by pieces of antique columns, over the upper ends of which the branches have grown like caps in consequence of the pressure of their own weight. Close by the tree is a solid marble seat, which is said to be the chair of Hippocrates, the father of medicine, and it is supposed that he taught the art of healing from that seat. He was born at Cos 460 B. C. This gives a clue to the age of the celebrated plane tree, which must be considerably more than 2,000 years old.

This Peculiar World.
This is a peculiar world, says an exchange. One is struggling for justice and another is fleeing from it. One man is saving to build a house and another is trying to sell his for less than cost to get rid of it. One man is spending all the money he can make in taking a girl to the theater and sending her flowers, with the hope of making her his wife, while his neighbor is spending what gold he has in getting a divorce. One man escapes all the diseases that flesh is heir to and gets killed on a railroad. Another escapes with a scratch and dies with the whooping cough. One man stands off his creditors and goes traveling while another pays his debts and stays at home.

Consoling.
A New England congressman once went to Franklin Pierce demanding an office for a constituent. Pierce sent him to James Guthrie, secretary of the treasury. By and by the congressman returned to the president in great dudgeon.

"What did Guthrie say to you about appointing your friend?" inquired the president. "He said he would be hanged if he would."

"Did Guthrie talk that way to you?" "He did."

"Well, that's the way he talks to me, too," was Pierce's consoling reply.

Golf or Croquet?
It was a twosome. The player who drove off first had bandy legs. The second in driving off did not notice that his opponent had got in front of him and the ball ran through between the opponent's legs. Turning around in anger the bandy legged one said, "Here, man, that's no golf!" "Weel," said the other, "it's no golf it's croquet!"—Scottish Referee.

An Inch or So Below.
"It's funny," began the long winded bore, "but nobody ever seems glad to see me."
"Well, and have you never found out the cause of your unpopularity?"
"No, I can't discover it."
"That's strange, because it's right under your very nose."—Philadelphia Press.

A Contingency.
"Haven't I a right to do as I like with my money?" inquired the multimillionaire.
"You have," answered the sardonic person, "if your lawyer is smart enough to draw up a will that can't be contested."—Washington Star.

Well Supplied.
Singleton—I suppose your wife has a lot of will power. Wedderly—Yes, but she has a lot more won't power.—Chicago News.

An angry man is again angry with himself when he returns to reason.—Publius Syrus.

Studies teach not their own use—that is, a wisdom without them and above them won by observation.—Bacon.

People past middle life usually have some kidney or bladder disorder that saps the vitality, which is naturally lower in old age. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects urinary troubles, stimulates the kidneys, and restores strength and vigor. It cures uric acid troubles by strengthening the kidneys so they will strain out the uric acid that settles in the muscles and joints causing rheumatism. *F. B. Brill, local agent.

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THE THEATRES

POLI'S

Local theatre goers remember when George M. Cohan was taken ill when playing in "The Yankee Prince." But the production continued to keep its dates and make a tremendous hit. Someone had to step into the shoes of the Yankee Doodle Comedian. Who was it that proved himself the "Man on horseback" of the musical comedy world? None other than clever little Clifton De Haven, who comes to Bridgeport next week with Flora Parker to play at Poli's theatre. At New Haven where he has been playing this week large crowds are turning out to welcome the duo despite the fact that De Haven appeared there a few weeks ago in the big musical comedy, Mr. De Haven is now referred to in the show world as the only legitimate successor to George M. Cohan. Miss Parker and the clever little comedian are one of the biggest attractions of the season. Their neat singing and dancing specialty is one of the brightest spots in to-day's galaxy of headline talent.

How is the show this week? Ask anyone who has seen Pat Rooney in "Simple Simon Simple." The clever little comedian was obliged to answer six curtain calls last night and make a speech at the close. The noise of the applause after the funny climax is drowned by the laughter. Pat says the applause is good but the laughs are better. "Simple Simon Simple" is a spring tonic.

The droll jokes of Hugh Emmett, the California humorist are wholesome and the funniest ever dealt out by an act of its kind.

When you hear the Musical Johnstons you are listening to a trio whose ability has been able to secure for them a warm welcome under every flag that floats over a navy during the past two years. Their brilliant execution upon the xylophone was as enchanting to the natives of the South Sea Islands as to the select audiences of Berlin and Paris. Their talent and technique is appreciated in this city for no instrumental act has been more warmly applauded.

You saw the "Love Waltz" as given by artistic dancers. Next week Earle Reynolds and Nellie Donegan will execute the difficult figures of the famous dance upon roller skates.

Among the star numbers for next week is the Johnny Busch trio. Johnny Busch is just turning seven and his manner of telling stories is that of a seasoned footlight entertainer. Come and see this wonderful youngster in Lord Fauntleroy garb recite "You Can't Beat A Yankee."

SMITH'S.

In point of production, "Montana" is perhaps one of the most pretentious now on tour. All the scenery is new and each act shows a complete and distinct picture of the country as it really is. The first act gives us a beautiful picture of the famous Buckhorn Ranch which is perhaps known as the largest ranch in Montana. The second act shows a street in Ft. Benton; this is said to be the most typical scene of its kind ever seen on the stage. The third act shows a beautiful scene of the Chance Gulch in the Bitter Root Mountains. The fourth act is the interior of the Buckhorn home. In fact, no means has been spared to give "Montana" a scenic mounting that is really one of extraordinary magnitude. It will be seen this evening and Saturday matinee and evening.

Seats are now on sale for the engagement next Monday evening of Fritz Scheff in Charles Dillingham's production of "The Prime Donna." Madame Scheff comes direct from the Knickerbocker theatre, New York, in this great success. Her appearance will be the most important light event of the season here. She will bring with her the entire original cast and production, and our music lovers are promised a treat as they have not before enjoyed during the year which is fast drawing to a close. Those wishing seats should procure them at once for the indicated reason. A crowded house. Reservations will not be held later than Saturday evening.

Augustus Pitou offers next Tuesday evening Chauncey Olcott in his new play, "Ragged Robin", a romance of Ireland in the early part of the last century. The play has been wonderfully successful throughout the country and is credited with being one of the dearest and most beautiful vehicles that Manager Pitou has ever provided for his star. It is a tale of a wandering minstrel, the son of a titled land owner, who has been driven from him by the false accusation of a crime. He meets the fair Margaret Grattan and a spell is cast over the two through a draught of water from an enchanted well. Three years pass and Robin returns, a wealthy and titled man, through the death of his father with whom he has become reconciled. He finds his rival, Martin, dead, and the Grattans avenged. Assisted by the fairies he crosses the moorland in the dead of night and the dawn finds the lovers united. Manager Pitou has given "Ragged Robin" a splendid production in the way of costumes and scenic effects and there is an excellent cast.

Those magnificent animated picture plays and illustrated songs will be the offering for Wednesday and Friday of the coming week. With weekly change of bill each day. These marvelous pictures have met with immense success every time they have been shown at Smith's, and there is little cause for wonder in the fact, inasmuch as they are shown here as nowhere else, with magnificent clearness and steadiness, while the size of the picture is double any which can be shown anywhere else in this city. The same hours as before, with the same little schedule of prices, will prevail, and four of the latest and best pictures, with two of the best popular illustrated songs will make up the program.

The American humorist-tourist, Fred Niblo, returns next Thursday evening for the second of his delightful pictorial "Talks of Travel in Distant Lands," when he will present "Egypt, from Cairo to Khartoum." The emphatic success achieved by Mr. Niblo in his superb premier offering of "Africa" last Tuesday evening has resulted in a constantly increasing demand for seats for these intensely interesting zig-zag journeys through the most picturesque country in the world today. These "travel talks" are beautifully illustrated with illuminated photographic views and life-like motion pictures, and, being graphically described, provide a manner of travel for the mind and eye which make it possible for one to feel oneself present and to know accurately famous scenes and places thousands of miles away without the attending inconveniences and annoyances. Mr. Niblo's talks are not long, worldly lectures but bright, breezy talks by a man who has won international fame as a talented entertainer. The third journey will be made Tuesday evening, May 4, and will have as its tonic "Russia, from the Black Sea to Siberia."

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